# Kentucky Governor's Conference on Environmental Excellence

"Green": The Search For the Holy Grail

Sustainability Products and "Green" Marketing

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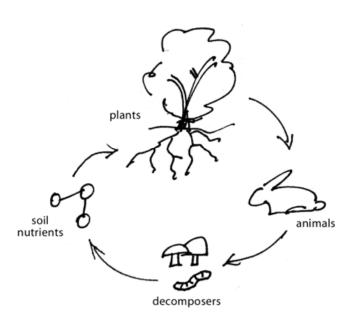


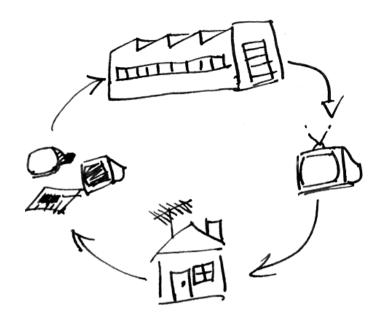
### Overview

- What is a green product?
- ISO Regulations & FTC Marketing Guidelines
- How to Implement Sustainability
- Questions



#### What is a green product?







- Raw Material Inputs
  - Rapidly Renewable
  - Recycled Content
  - Organic
  - Toxicity





- Manufacturing Process
  - Green/clean manufacturing
  - Energy Consumption
  - Water Consumption
  - Waste





- Distribution
  - Where is the product being shipped to/from?
  - Shipping method



Getting There With Cleaner Air



- Use of Product
  - VOC emissions
  - Indoor Air Quality
  - CA 01350





 Is the product engaging the end user in behavior that reduces environmental footprint or improves social wellbeing?

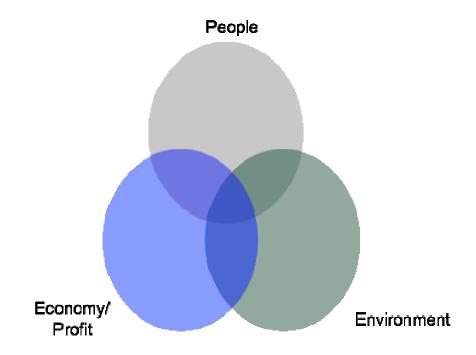


- End of Life Disposal
  - Biodegradable/compost able
  - Recyclable
    - Logistically feasible
    - Take Back Program
  - Reusable

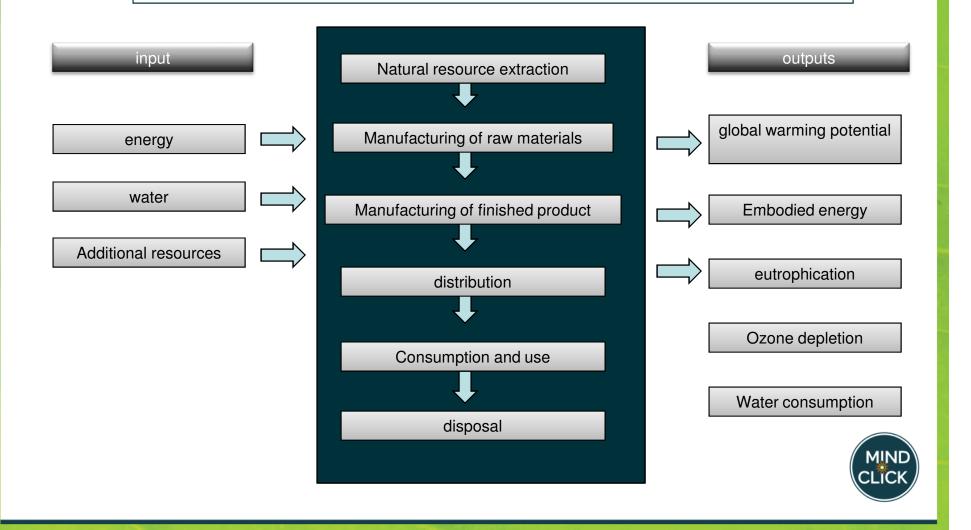




Sustainable business practices







#### "Green" Marketing

#### **Prevent Greenwashing**





#### "Green" Marketing

 Consumers want to purchase 'green' products from sustainable companies





Misleading claims violate section 5 of FTC Act









# Have You Been Bamboozled by Bamboo Fabrics?

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#### "Green" Marketing

#### So...How do you protect your brand?





- Apply to labeling, advertising, promotional materials
   and ALL other forms of marketing.
- Updated regulations released soon





 ISO 14020 Series: Environmental Labels and Declarations, General Principles



- Type 1
   Environmental
   Labeling (ISO #14024:1999)
  - 'seal of approval'







- Type 2 Self Declared Environmental Claims (ISO 14021:1999)
  - Self declared
  - Must be verifiable!





 Type 3 Environmental Declaration (ISO/TR #14025:2000)



#### Gaia Product Profile from The Green Standard™

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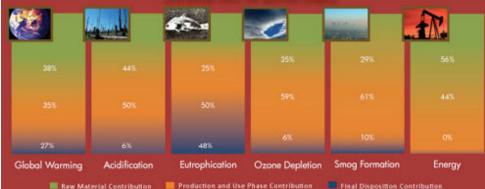






#### Product Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Results

Within this graphic, each life cycle impact will be an active link to more detailed results representing all life cycle phases within that specified category.



#### The EPD Interactive Summary

The summary graph repsrents all life cycle phases and is documented by a life cycle assessment that meets all requirements of Standard 14040 of the International Standards Organization (ISO). Within each major impact category, the gradient of colors represents the contribution of each phase to that life cycle phase: Raw Material Sourcing; Production; Use; and Final Disposition. Each impact will be an active link to more detail on the LCA results.

Verification Statement: The full EPD Report was produced in accordance with ISO 14025, PCR 123-TGS-5, was verified by Green Consultants Inc. and is valid until November 19, 2009.

#### Other Environmental and Product Performance Information

This section will contain active links to additional information regarding the environmental and other product related performance information.

Click for link to Carbon Footprint Click for link to Safety Performance Click for link to Human Health Concerns Click for link to Quality Performance

#### The Greener Chair's Relevant Product Certifications

This section will contain all relevant certifications from other programs that this product has achieved. Click on links for more detailed information on the methodology and scope of program.



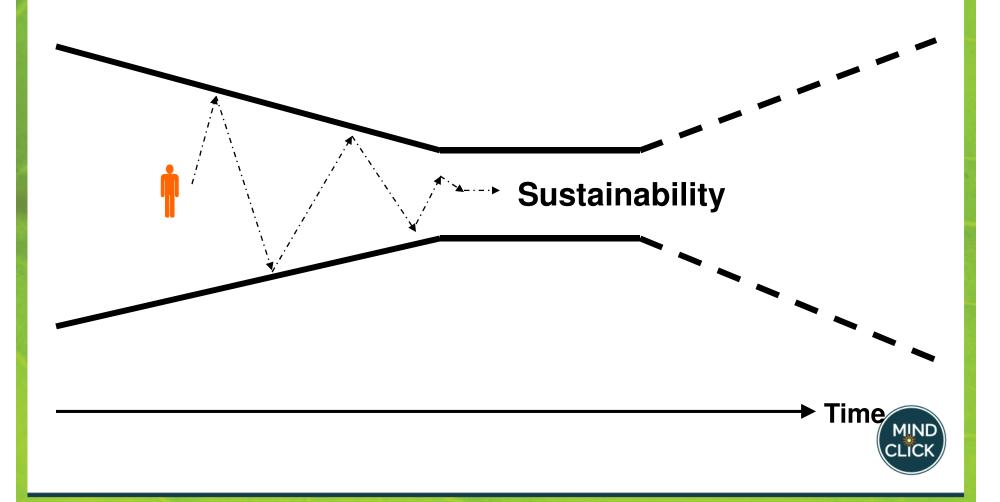




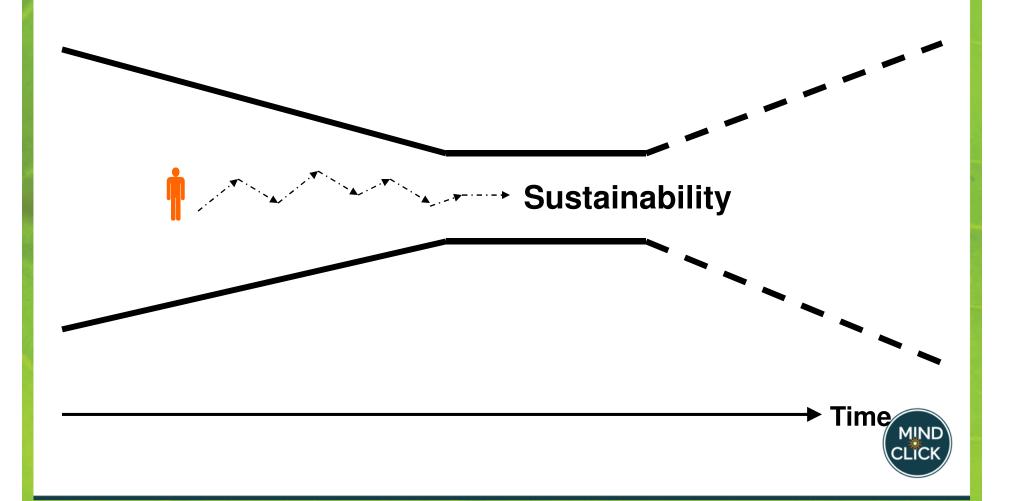


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## Which Path?



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# Bridging the Chasm

Business

Sustainability

**Creating your strategy** 

Determining your product impact

**Evaluating your environmental inputs** 

Integrating sustainability throughout your organization

Promoting your sustainability efforts

Engaging your employees



#### **Step 1: Performance Measurement**



360° Sustainability Audit



#### Step 2: Sustainability Roadmap

- Business growth
- Brand positioning and communications
- Employee engagement
- Sustainable operations
- Product sustainability
- Corporate social responsibility
- Cost benefit analysis and investment prioritization
- Supply chain integration



#### Step 3: Sustainability Integration

- Sustainability training/education
- Supply chain purchasing policies
- Brand positioning and communications
- Resource efficiencies
- Sustainability certification
- Product Life Cycle Assessment
- Product marketing and eco-labeling





# Step 4: Ongoing Measurement & Improvement

- Brand strength
- Market growth
- Employee retention
- Compliance tracking and certification
- Cost savings



#### **Questions/Contact**





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